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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Gregory R. MUNDY et al.

Serial No.: 09/421,545

Filing Date: October 20, 1999

For: INHIBITORS OF PROTEASOMAL
ACTIVITY FOR STIMULATING BONE
GROWTH

Examiner: Ralph J. Gitomer

Group Art Unit: 1651

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 6, 2003 for which a two month early response is due on May 6, 2003. All pending claims were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The following Exhibits are included herein:

Exhibit A: Copy of the Return Postcard Indicating Hand Delivery on November 19, 2002 Signed by Examiner Gitomer.

Exhibit B: Copy of the Terminal Disclaimer Submitted by Hand Delivery on
November 19, 2002.

Exhibit C: *Ex Parte Mark*, 12 U.S.P.Q.2d 1904 (Bd. Pat. App. & Int. 1989).

Exhibit D: Copy of Declaration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 of Dr. I. Ross Garrett.